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Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett perform at the 57th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles. The unlikely duo won the Grammy for best traditional pop vocal album for their collaborative work, *Cheek To Cheek*. For more on the awards, see page 12.

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Post-Charlie, school trips may skip Paris

Education. Mother
skeptical of actual risk
in the City of Light



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Students bound for overseas school trips later this year may steer clear of Paris in the wake of a mass shooting last month, parents have been told.

Laura Shutiaik attended a meeting last week at Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School, where the school principal warned the itinerary for her daughter's trip could be altered amid concern for student safety.

Shutiaik's daughter is due to tour Second World War sites in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and France in mid-May, before heading back home from the airport in Paris. But Scarlett's principal indicated the kids may fly from a different airport or, if they do end up in the French capital, they may not be permitted to see the sights.

Shutiaik said the indication from the principal was that as many as eight other schools were grappling with similar issues.

She said, personally, she doesn't have any concerns.

"I am glad there is due diligence taking place — they have to be careful," she said. "However, I would not hesi-

tate to get on a plane to go to Paris and I would be disappointed if I spent close to \$3,000 on a trip and my child was in France but didn't see Paris."

On Jan. 7, two gunmen stormed the office of satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo* in an attack that killed 12. The incident sparked panic in the French capital and a total of 20 people, including the gunmen, were killed over three days.

Shutiaik said there was even some speculation the trips could be cancelled outright, but said the indication was a formal decision was to be made by Calgary Board of Education chief superintendent David Stevenson.

The board would not make anyone available for an interview on the topic and, in an emailed statement, did not address specific questions about how many school trips could be impacted.

"The CBE monitors and reviews all trips on an ongoing basis, working with school staffs, parents, students and service providers," the statement reads. "Recent international events have underlined the importance of this process ... the CBE will keep parents informed about these matters and communication about some trips will occur (this) week. These discussions and communications will continue as required until the trips depart."

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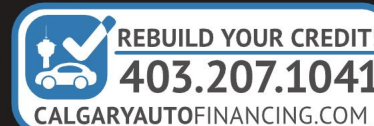
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Cycling. City tried to hide bike-count info: Chu

Calgary's growing set of bike-count data shows a clear connection between weather and cycling, a correlation Coun. Sean Chu accused city administration of trying to hide.

"When weather is really cold or bad, there's nobody riding bikes, despite what the administration has said before in public," he told Metro when asked about the automated bike counts now being published daily from the Peace Bridge and 7th Street cycle track.

Both sets of data show lower counts on cold or snowy days, something city cycling co-ordinator Tom Thivener described publicly in the past as natural "ebbs and flows."

City staff also highlighted the impact of weather on bike counts with little snowflake icons above the much smaller bars on winter days in a graph presented to councillors in December.

Chu, however, said that's a recent development. Without citing specific examples, he said city staff members generally changed their tune after the cycle-track network was approved in April 2014.

"Administration has said that weather has nothing to do with biking, and I always knew that was always wrong," Chu said. "In a way, to me, that's almost lying."

Thivener said that's simply not the case. "All I can say is that we presented data before on wintertime riding," he said, noting city administration has described winter bike counts on both 7th Street S.W. and 10th Street N.W. as percentages of summertime counts both before and after the network's approval. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**



Rachel Ward says the gun community is "welcoming," but some women may feel intimidated about getting involved. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Gun club launches its first ladies' night

Special event. U of C Firearm Association's female members say plan is a 'good way to reach out to girls'



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The University of Calgary Firearms Association is proving it's not just a boy's club.

The popular club plans to host an inaugural ladies-only event next week aimed at giving first-time female shooters

an introduction to the sport.

Since its launch, the club has grown to a membership that fluctuates in the vicinity of 400 people. President and co-founder Henry Lung said a lot of new recruits join out of curiosity and haven't picked up a weapon before.

That's why Rachel Ward and Tracy Yu decided to host an event specifically for women.

"Right now we are definitely trying to get women into the sport," said Ward, operations commissioner with the club. "The community is actually really, really welcoming."

Yu, an executive officer

Details

The event will be held from Feb. 16-20. For more info, visit ucalgaryfirearms.ca.

with the club who has been shooting for more than a year now, said she first decided to pick up a firearm as a life-saving skill that could come in handy in an emergency situation.

"It's a good way to reach out to girls," she said of the women-only event.

Ward said she's always felt supported by the club's more

testosterone-filled members, but some women can be intimidated when it comes to their first events.

"If we can get some women out shooting who have wanted to try it but have maybe been a bit nervous about it ... hopefully we can get some of them interested in the sport," she said.

Lung said there shouldn't be a stigma when it comes to women wielding guns, adding it's a sport for everyone.

"Tracy picked up a gun for the first time with us," he said. "She's a fantastic shot. She's probably a better shot than me."

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'Unidriveway' complaints nearly double; homeowners will need to restore lawns

Enforcement. City offers time to do away with additional paving



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City planners say they're taking action against more than 100 homeowners who've seemingly paved their little piece of front-lawn paradise and put up a parking lot.

To date, 124 complaints have been received regarding so-called "unidriveways," nearly double the number reported as of late November.

In each case, an owner has poured concrete where grass or gravel once was on their front lawn, back lawn or both.

"I think one person does it, then another person does and then pretty soon everybody says, 'Oh yeah, I don't



A stretch of "unidriveways" along a street in Saddle Ridge. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO FILE

want to cut my grass and I want to park my car on it," said Coun. Jim Stevenson, who noted there have been more than 60 unidriveway reports in the northeast com-

munity of Saddle Ridge alone.

Residents are now being told they could be awarded a "slight relaxation" on the width of their driveway but will still need to replace the

bulk of the pavement with grass or gravel, according to Cliff de Jong, a senior special-projects officer with the city.

Those who don't comply could face fines.

A major concern identified by city planners is a lack of space for water drainage and the fact that the extended lot is not a valid parking space.

"It's a give-a-little, take-a-

little sort of thing," de Jong said, adding five homeowners have already applied for a development permit to keep a portion of their extended driveways.

De Jong said such add-ons would still be open to appeals.

"We think it's a balanced position and we're not looking at granting a relaxation for the entire yard; that would be inappropriate for sure," he said.

He said, too, that at least one homeowner appears destined to take legal action in hopes of keeping his or her unidriveway.

The stretches of pavement — one street in Saddle Ridge saw four homes in a row with converted driveways — have been dubbed an eyesore by some residents.

Stevenson said they can rest assured the city is on top of things.

"This is just a matter of enforcement.... We're acting upon it," he said.

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Cindy Amthor, wearing a milk carton plastered with a missing-persons ad for Bowness Park, with her eight-year-old daughter, Trinity McCulloch. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Beloved Bowness Park re-opens

Bownesians celebrated the re-opening of one of Calgary's oldest parks over the weekend after it was devastated during the 2013 flood.

Hundreds of local residents and Calgarians from across the city filled Bowness Park on Saturday for the long-awaited grand re-opening of the beloved green space.

"This is a really important part of the community, and it's a gathering place for every-

one that lives here and for the whole city," said Bowness Community Association (BCA) executive director Michelle Dice. "We're really excited that it's open again."

A \$14.2-million redevelopment of the park began in 2012 but was heavily delayed when the Bow River swelled in June 2013, inundating some sections of the park under more than two metres of water.

"It was devastating," said

parks manager Doug Marter, adding that, when floodwaters retreated, a thick layer of silt covered much of the area.

For residents like Peter Reitz, the reopening was an important day. "It was horrific actually seeing how much water went through here, and I'm happy to see it rebuilt," he said. "I learned to skate on this lagoon, and my kids will learn how to skate on this lagoon."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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M. Cpl. Danny Dicerni checks Sgt. Mark Salesse's harness prior to lowering the ramp Man., on Sept. 17, 2013. Inset: Sgt. Mark Anthony Salesse in an undated photo.

Ice climber what he

Avalanche. Searchers in Banff couldn't safely reach site Sunday, will try again Monday



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Sgt. Mark Anthony Salesse had just completed an arduous and world-famous ice-climbing route in the northern portion of Banff National Park and was about halfway done with the descent when he was caught in an avalanche and swept off a 60-metre cliff.

He is presumed dead.

"My only consolation at this time is that Mark was doing what he loved best," said his mother, Liz Quinn, on Saturday afternoon from her home in Moncton, N.B. Meanwhile, Parks Canada officials conducted avalanche control on the slopes above the site where they believe her son was buried by snow some 48 hours earlier.

Brian Webster, Parks Canada incident commander for

the search operation, said the overhead avalanche risk made it simply "too dangerous" to send search crews into the area on Saturday, after initially flying over the site Friday and assessing that "the climber had been completely buried in the avalanche."

The avalanche occurred when the climber was traversing a snow slope from one pitch of ice to another on the nine-pitch route, Webster said.

"It was a small avalanche but it pushed the climber over a 60-metre cliff," Webster said.

His climbing partner had initially searched the site late Thursday afternoon to no avail, before making his way back to their vehicle and contacting Parks officials.

On Sunday, with the avalanche control successful, Webster said a team of six visitor-safety specialists and two dog handlers were set to fly to the site by helicopter and begin conducting a ground search.

"It's a difficult area to access and it'll be a difficult area to search," he said.

Parks said later in the day, however, "it was not possible to

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safely put rescuers into the avalanche site.”

“More avalanche control was conducted, and Parks Canada is hopeful that conditions will improve (Monday) so that a ground search can take place,” the federal agency said in a statement issued shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday.

Salesse wasn’t wearing an avalanche transceiver, Webster said, meaning the searchers would be relying heavily on dogs being able to pick up a scent.

Quinn understood the delay in getting emergency responders to the remote area.

“They cannot risk the lives of any other search-and-rescue personnel, and I can’t blame them,” she said. “Those people — those search-and-rescue — all have families, they have parents, they have wives.”

Salesse, himself a decorated rescue technician with the Canadian Armed Forces, was climbing Polar Circus, a renowned route described by climbing guide and author Joe Josephson as “the showpiece of the Canadian Rockies.”

“It’s a world-famous ice

climb,” said Webster. “It’s quite difficult and it’s very much recognized as a thing to climb by ice climbers.”

Quinn said her son had 25 years of ice-climbing experience and had suffered one serious injury in 2011 during a fall in a military ice-climbing exercise near Ouray, Colo., which led to almost a year of hospital stays and rehabilitation.

Salesse, 44, spent time with 5 Wing in Goose Bay, N.L., and at CFB Comox in British Columbia. He was most recently stationed with the 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron based at 17 Wing Winnipeg. He won a Governor General’s Medal for bravery for his service in Croatia.

Salesse was training at the time of the avalanche with other search-and-rescue personnel, according to the military.

Quinn said her son wasn’t married and had no children, as he didn’t think it was fair to have a wife and family and not be there for them, given his military commitments.

Recently, though, she said he was thinking of settling down and starting a family.

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Fundraiser

Radiothon raises nearly \$2M for children’s hospital

Calgarians once again showed their generosity after a local radiothon for the Alberta Children’s Hospital raised nearly \$2 million on Friday.

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Former CADA head acclaimed as PC candidate

The political stage will now be the canvas for the former president of the Calgary Arts Development Association (CADA).

Terry Rock, who was the founding president of CADA, has been acclaimed as the provincial Progress-

sive Conservative candidate in the downtown riding of Calgary-Buffalo.

Rock came to Calgary in 1998 to be an assistant professor of strategic management at the Haskayne School of Business.

In 2005, he took the helm of CADA, Canada’s first municipally owned arts-development authority.

Rock left that post in 2013.

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Fahmy facing retrial in Egypt on terror charges

Cairo. Mohamed Fahmy gave up his Egyptian citizenship to secure his release; now he faces a Feb. 12 court date

Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy is set to face a retrial on terrorism-related charges in Cairo this Thursday, a development his family called their "worst nightmare."

Fahmy — who has spent more than a year in an Egyptian prison — was expected to be set free after former Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said just days ago that his release was "imminent."

But Fahmy's family said Sunday the 40-year-old journalist and his Egyptian colleague will now be re-tried on Feb. 12.

"The trial date on Feb. 12 represents our worst nightmare, to have to go through another circus of a retrial," said Fahmy's brother, Adel.

Fahmy and two colleagues — Australian Peter Greste and Egyptian Baher Mohamed — were working for satellite news broadcaster Al Jazeera English



Mohamed Fahmy appears in a Cairo courtroom on March 31, 2014.

HEBA ELKHOLY, EL SHOROUK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

when they were arrested on Dec. 29, 2013.

They were accused of supporting the banned Islamist Muslim Brotherhood group of ousted Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi. They were also charged with fabricating footage to undermine Egypt's national security.

The trio denied all the allegations against them, but Fahmy and Greste were sentenced to seven years in prison, while Mohamed was given 10 years.

Greste was freed last Sunday under legislation that allows Egypt's president to deport for-

Canadian response

Lynne Yelich, minister of state for foreign affairs and consular affairs, said the Canadian government has continued to advocate for Fahmy's immediate release at the highest levels.

eigners convicted of crimes.

Fahmy — who had dual Egyptian-Canadian citizenship — had relinquished his Egyptian citizenship with the hope of being released under the same legislation.

"The authorities visited him before the appeal hearing on Jan. 1 and made a deal with him to renounce it in return for his freedom," Fahmy's brother said.

The family said Amal Clooney, Fahmy's high-profile human rights lawyer, has requested a meeting with Egypt's president and will travel to Cairo to press for his release.

"She had planned to fly from L.A. to Toronto to meet Fahmy upon his release but she hopes they can fly together out of Cairo toward freedom," his family said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Seal meat

Cherry replies to online outrage

Don Cherry has responded to the furor that erupted on social media from Inuit communities after he called his Coach's Corner co-host Ron MacLean a "savage" and a "barbarian" for eating seal meat. He said he has no problem with anyone who hunt seal and eat their meat, although he stated he found it "unusual" for someone to order a seal burger at a restaurant. His comments came on his Coach's Corner segment on Hockey Night in Canada when MacLean joined the show via satellite and said he had ordered a seal burger. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Crime. Tax agency given ability to hand evidence of possible offences to police

The federal revenue agency can now hand the police possible evidence of serious crime — including terrorist activity — that it happens to come across while reviewing taxpayer files.

The Canada Revenue Agency gained the little-noticed new authority, which does not require a judicial warrant, through an amendment tucked into the government's most recent omnibus budget bill. Previously, confidentiality provisions in the law prevented the agency from handing information about suspected wrongdoing, on its own initiative, to law enforcement.

The new provisions apply to offences including breaking-and-entering, vehicle theft, arson, corruption and kidnapping and allow authorities to relay information about any offence with a minimum prison term or one with a maximum sentence of 14 years. The list of offences is disturbingly broad and amounts to a fundamental change in allowing the agency to hand information to police without a court-ordered warrant — even when the alleged crimes have nothing to do with taxes, said Toronto lawyer Glen Jennings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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In this Dec. 15, 2014 photo, Bae Jie-un, a staff member of a Sydney café and a hostage, runs to armed tactical-response officers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Egypt

At least 25 killed in soccer riot

A riot broke out Sunday night outside of a major soccer game in Egypt, with a stampede and fighting between police and fans killing at least 25 people, authorities said.

Egypt's public prosecutor issued a statement ordering an investigation.

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Desertion charge

U.S. Marine finally facing trial

A U.S. Marine who vanished from a base in Iraq and later wound up in Lebanon is set to face trial more than a decade after the puzzling case began.

Cpl. Wassef Hassoun's court martial on desertion and other charges starts Monday at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Defence attorneys maintain that he

was kidnapped in 2004 by insurgents and that later, after briefly returning to the U.S., he became tangled up in Lebanese courts for years.

Prosecutors say Hassoun fled his post in Iraq because he was unhappy with his deployment. But a report from the military equivalent of a grand jury hearing acknowledges that prosecutors could have a hard time proving their case because of the difficulty in tracking down witnesses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Middle East

Ted Cruz not ruling out U.S. ground forces against ISIL

Sen. Ted Cruz, a potential presidential candidate in 2016, isn't ruling out sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIL militants. Cruz told ABC that "if need be, we should go that step. But it should be driven by the mission." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hostages recall time under siege

Australia. Man Haron Monis took 18 people hostage at Lindt café in the country's capital

Two staff members of a Sydney café revealed in interviews broadcast Sunday how they plotted to stab a gunman who held them hostage during a 16-hour siege in December, while two others described how they escaped the ordeal.

Joel Herat, 21, and Jarrod Morton-Hoffman, 19, said in paid interviews broadcast by Nine Network television that they armed themselves with box cutters after gunman Man Haron Monis took them and 16 other people hostage in the Lindt café in downtown Sydney.

"I've got this knife in my pocket and I know Joel has a knife in his pocket and we are so close, we can do this," Morton-Hoffman said.

"But he had his gun. He had it on his knee and I could see

that it was pointed directly at Julie Taylor," a pregnant hostage, Morton-Hoffman said.

Meanwhile, staffers Bae Jie-un, 20, who was on her first day back after a vacation, and Elly Chen, 22, who had been employed for less than a week, told Seven Network television in paid interviews how Bae quietly unbolted an internal door to enable both to escape.

The café's 34-year-old manager, Tori Johnson, was killed after Monis forced him to kneel on the floor and then fired a cartridge to the back of his head with a sawed-off shotgun after a second group of hostages escaped, a coroner's court was told last month.

Police stormed the café, fatally shooting Monis and accidentally killing one of the hostages.

The coroner's inquest is looking into how police managed the crisis, including whether snipers should have taken a shot at Monis through the café's windows.

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Jordan. Attacks launched on 56 ISIL targets: General

Jordan has launched 56 air strikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's (ISIL's) weapons depots, training centres and military barracks since militants released a video of them burning a Jordanian pilot to death, Jordan's air force chief said Sunday.

Jordanian officials vowed to harshly retaliate for the slaying of the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who was set ablaze while trapped in a cage. Since Thursday, the Jordanian air force has attacked and destroyed 56 ISIL

targets, the air force chief, Gen. Mansour al-Jabour, told reporters. This includes 19 targets on the first day, 18 on the second and 19 on the third, he said.

"We achieved what we were looking for: Revenge for Muath," the general said. "And this is not the end. This is the beginning."

Recently, Jordanian officials have delivered tough warnings to Islamic State, saying the retaliation campaign would not stop until the group has been destroyed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'Sharing economy' reshaping markets



Uber is the best-known platform in the sharing economy. QUIQUE GARCIA/AFP

Internet. Car-sharing, finance, staffing, accommodation, music and video streaming sectors worth \$335B by 2025, research firm PwC estimates

Want to make a bit of extra cash driving strangers around in your car, taking care of someone's dog, renting your apartment or cooking a meal? Welcome to the sharing econ-

omy. With Internet-based apps and services such as Uber and Airbnb, you make money, and the consumer saves. So it's a win-win? That's the multibillion-dollar question.

The new way of operating has been reshaping entire economic sectors, with the promise of improved efficiency and more flexibility.

The spectacular rise of ride-sharing, home-sharing and other services has turned economic models upside down, and fuelled complaints that these services skirt rules on safety, consumer protection

and labour rights.

Some economists say this "peer-to-peer" model offers numerous advantages by tapping underutilized resources.

The sharing economy "can improve consumer welfare by offering new innovations, more choices, more service differentiation, better prices and higher quality services," says a study by George Mason University economists.

Christopher Koopman, an author of the George Mason report, said the sharing economy "allows people to take idle capital and turn (it) into

revenue sources."

"People are taking spare bedrooms, cars, tools they are not using and becoming their own entrepreneurs."

The research firm PwC estimates that by 2025, five sharing economy segments (finance, online staffing, accommodation, car sharing and music or video streaming) could be worth \$335 billion US, up from \$15 billion today.

"The sharing economy will be part of the overall economy going forward," said technology strategist Mary Jesse.

AFP

Google

Mapping service adds local guides

An update to Google's free online map service lets users become local guides who post reviews of businesses and venues in a challenge to Yelp.

Local Guides was described by Google as a global community of the top reviewers who reap benefits based on how much they post about businesses they visit. **AFP**

Markets

Investors focus on corporate Canada

Investors will be focused on earnings from corporate Canada this week as they assess how badly depressed commodity prices have impacted the bottom lines of resource companies. It has been a challenging time for Canadian resource companies as prices for metals and oil have been hammered in recent months. Copper prices tumbled 13 per cent in January alone while oil prices have collapsed, falling 40 per cent since the end of November. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Dashcams



A dashcam mounted on a car's windshield. ISTOCK

Device used to catch scammers

Footage of the TransAsia plane clipping a bridge in Taiwan and crashing into a river highlighted the popularity of "dashcams" that are capturing everything from crime to natural disasters through the windshield.

The cameras have become particularly popular with Russians and South Koreans as a deterrent for scammers who throw themselves onto the windshields of slow-moving cars in a bid to claim insurance money.

Papago, a Taiwanese manufacturer which supplies around 20 per cent of the global market, said it sells around a million dash cams a year with China, Japan, the United States, Russia and Australia its main destinations. **AFP**

Taiwan. TransAsia meets with crash victims' families

TransAsia Airways representatives met Sunday with relatives of the victims of last week's plane crash in Taiwan to discuss compensation, after it began distributing money to families of the deceased for funeral costs.

At least 40 people died after the propeller-jet crashed into the muddy Keelung River minutes after takeoff Wednesday from Taipei's airport. Fifteen of the 58 people

aboard the plane were rescued. Divers are trying to find the bodies of three people still missing by using metal detectors to locate their watches or seatbelts.

The bulk of the passengers were from the Chinese mainland.

Preliminary investigations indicate the pilots of the TransAsia Airways ATR 72 shut off a running engine after its other engine went

idle, a move that aviation experts said was an error.

A TransAsia spokeswoman, Fang Chia-wen, said a second meeting would be held on Wednesday to discuss compensation matters further. She said the airline had already begun distributing 1.2 million Taiwan dollars (about \$47,500) per victim to families for funeral expenses.

Premier Mao Chi-kuo told Taiwan's private Formosa TV

on Sunday that the priority was to find the three missing people.

"Some bodies might have some metal on them, like necklaces, watches and coins, which will be detected. There are still four seats missing, so it's possible that the victims are still fastened in their seats by seat belt, that they sunk together with the seats to the bottom of the bank."

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A mechanic works on the engine of a TransAsia Airways ATR aircraft at the Songshan airport in Taipei, Taiwan, on Saturday, three days after one of the carrier's ATRs crashed. WALLY SANTANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VOICES

COUNCIL ‘JUST BURNS MY ASS’

Now that Mayor Naheed Nenshi is celebrated internationally, his challenge is to build the right allies locally. Where better to start than secondary-suite reform?



KLASZUS' CALGARY
Jeremy Klaszus

Naheed Nenshi may be considered the best mayor on the planet, but closer to home, a more inconvenient truth has emerged.

Nenshi, who won the 2014 World Mayor Prize last week, leads a deeply dysfunctional city council — a wreck adrift in a sea of petty politics.

This council is arguably even more dysfunctional than the Dave Bronconnier-led council that preceded Nenshi's election in 2010.

Nenshi got elected in part by highlighting council's informal coalitions, which resulted in constant 8-7 votes. "City council is broken," Nenshi said over and over on the campaign trail.

Nearly five years later, his own council is

similarly broken, and Nenshi has been unable to heal the rifts.

Indeed, the mayor appeared to exacerbate them with his strange comments last month on councillors "getting blotto" at public events.

He didn't name names but also didn't apologize after a number of councillors erupted in outrage. This is familiar to us by now; unlike, say, a Ralph Klein, Nenshi is loath to display even a hint of contrition.

Relations on council were already fragile before the blotto fiasco.

In 2010, Nenshi ran on a platform of "better ideas." His No. 1 better idea was secondary-suite reform.

Last December, for the umpteenth time, council blocked this effort — despite consensus among citizens and organizations that reform is long overdue.

Some on council were miffed when, ahead of the vote, Nenshi publicly asked business leaders to pressure five on-the-fence councillors to vote "Yes."

"If I were to vote for secondary suites now, people would say, 'Joe knuckled under to the mayor.'" Coun. Joe Magliocca told the Calgary Herald. "That just burns my ass."

That's unbelievably puerile on Magliocca's part — try considering the good of Calgarians, pal, rather than your own image — but Nenshi's approach of publicly pressuring his colleagues clearly backfired.

While Nenshi revels in adulation, he struggles to build crucial relationships and is notoriously poor at handling his critics on council and off. (Remember when he aggressively berated that AM770 caller last year?)

Yet for all his flaws, Nenshi has a strong vi-

sion for Calgary's future. The same cannot be said of the cadre of councillors that often oppose the mayor — the likes of Magliocca, Ward Sutherland, Sean Chu and Jim Stevenson.

This bunch would eagerly take Calgary back to 1973 if they had their way. They can't imagine a city where people bike to work and live in secondary suites.

Because Nenshi embraces the future of cities, he's a magnet for top talent to Calgary.

City chief planner Rollin Stanley and Calgary Public Library CEO Bill Ptacek have both said the mayor was a factor in their decisions to come here.

It benefits Calgary when Nenshi is celebrated nationally and internationally. Now his challenge is to build the right allies locally.

If Nenshi can do that, he might be able to salvage this council before it's too late.

Your Calgary



Frosty Friday

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Early morning hoar frost builds up on a railing at the Whitehorn LRT station Friday.

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Upcoming

Dying with Dignity event

Calgarians interested in learning more about home funerals and the green burial movement may want to attend an upcoming event hosted by the Calgary chapter of Dying with Dignity (DWD).

On Feb. 9, Sarah Kerr, a professional death midwife, will speak at the DWD's general meeting to provide residents with information and insight on preparing for a burial ritual at home.

During her presentation, Kerr will speak on topics including the option of caring for the body of a deceased loved one at home and how to make a burial or cremation a more personal experience.

Running from 7 to 9 p.m. the event will be held at the Kerby Centre. The recommended donation is \$10.

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From Middle Earth to the StoryBook Theatre

Those looking to introduce their children aged eight and older to the mystical writings of J.R.R. Tolkien may want to attend the StoryBook Theatre's rendition of one of the author's best-known novels, *The Hobbit*.

From Feb. 6 to 21, the StoryBook Theatre troupe will perform the play at Beddington Heights Theatre, with 7 p.m. shows Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. matinee performances added over the weekend.

The theatre's website describes the play as a fast-paced version of the story of Bilbo Baggins and his great adventure through Middle Earth. METRO



The Grammys play it safe

Grammy Awards.

Go to bed early last night? We highlight the night's top moments so you can fake like you tuned in

Last night's 57th Annual Grammy Awards was hyped up to be one of the most dramatic and controversial ever, but despite a few stand-out moments, the night was pretty lacklustre.

Hosting duties

LL Cool J played host for the night for the fourth time and opened the show with an enjoyable tease of Going Back To Cali. He last hosted the show in 2012, a few days after Whitney Houston's death. Now, with Houston's daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown in critical condition, Cool J decided not to comment on the tragedy, instead focusing on the night's performers and nominees.

Performances

With a whopping 23 performances, there were plenty of chances for something jaw-dropping to take place, but theatrics were kept at a minimum. Usually energetic performer Ariana Grande stuck to a ballad of Just A Little Bit Of Your Heart. In general, the performances skewed older with AC/DC opening the show, Lady Gaga taking the stage with Tony Bennett and of course Madonna, who actually gave a phenomenal performance, proving she still has it at 56 years old.

Some other performances worth YouTubeing include Miranda Lambert, Kanye West and Rihanna, Hozier and Annie Lennox, and Pharrell. This



Smokey Robinson, right, presents Beyoncé with the award for best R&B performance for Drunk in Love. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

was West's first-ever time performing at the award show, but he more than made up for it by taking the stage twice.

Taking a stand against domestic violence

Katy Perry, in all white, sang the ballad By the Grace of God after a woman who had been abused talked about getting help and moving on with her life. A video of President Barack Obama appeared before she spoke, and he encouraged artists to help out.

"It's on us, all of us, to create a culture where violence

isn't tolerated," he said.

Winners

This year's most controversial award, best rap album, was announced without fanfare before the show. Eminem won, beating out Iggy Azalea, Childish Gambino, Common, Schoolboy Q and Wiz Khalifa. Considering all the controversy surrounding Azalea's nomination, everyone was definitely waiting for this one.

This really wasn't Azalea's night. She also lost best new artist to Sam Smith, who also

won for best pop vocal album, two predictable, yet deserved wins. Best pop solo performance went to Pharrell for Happy while best R&B performance went to Beyoncé.

In one of the evening's few surprises, Beck won album of the year for Morning Phase.

Things get surreal

Sam Smith who also took record of the year and song of the year, was nominated for six Grammys, something he called "surreal."

But not as surreal as

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when Stevie Wonder asked him to drop by his dressing room. Wonder ended up performing one of Smith's songs. "That's just crazy," he said on the red carpet.

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How will Sam Smith celebrate after winning his Grammys? He said he wanted to go to In-N-Out, that overwhelmingly popular SoCal burger chain. And don't worry about all those calories he'll rack up with a double-double or two. Smith says he's been dieting just for this night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Jenner may have been texting at time of fatal accident

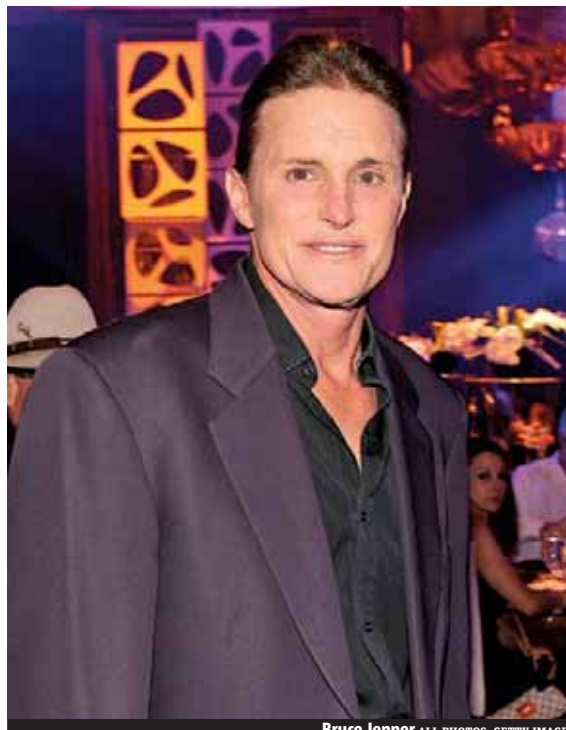
Texting and driving may have played a role in the Bruce Jenner multi-car accident in Malibu over the weekend that left one woman dead.

On Saturday, while driving on the Pacific Coast Highway, Jenner's Cadillac Escalade rear-ended a Lexus that was coming to a stop at a light.

The collision sent the other car into oncoming traffic, where it was struck by a Hummer, killing the driver of the Lexus.

Now law enforcement sources tell TMZ that they are procuring warrants for Jenner's phone and its records, as photos of Jenner immediately before the crash suggest he had something in his hands.

If he was found to be illegally texting while driving, he could be charged with vehicular manslaughter.



Bruce Jenner ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Katie Couric eyes Brian Williams' job

While Brian Williams takes a few days off to refresh his memory about the Iraq War, the vultures are apparently circling. Among them? Former NBC mainstay Katie Couric, who left the network for CBS in 2006 to become the first female nightly news anchor — for a little while, at least. “Katie still has deep, deep contacts at NBC. She would love to return as the Nightly News anchor,” a source tells the Daily News. “No one smells blood like Katie. She is like a shark. Brian is in deep trouble and this could be her chance. You don't get to be as successful as Katie without being ruthless.”



Katie Couric

Life isn't Rosie as O'Donnell leaves The View again

Talk about a domino effect. Rosie O'Donnell's second tenure at The View is coming to a premature end so that she can head home to deal with the end of her marriage to her wife of three years, Michelle Rounds. “I can confirm that Rosie and her wife,

Michelle, split in November,” O'Donnell's rep says in a statement. “Rosie has teens and an infant at home that need her attention. This has been a very stressful situation. She is putting her personal health and family first.” Next week will be her last week on The View.

Teen Mom star proactively preventing pregnancy with new condom line

One of Teen Mom's precocious procreators, Gary Shirley, has launched a line of condoms with his name and face on the wrapper. Honestly, I can't think of a better deterrent to unprotected sex and teen-

age pregnancy than a bright, smiling reminder of the kind of corpulent reality star you could become if you don't play it safe. Shirley took to Twitter to unveil his new line of prophylactics.



Gary Shirley's new line of condoms
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I've always thought of my money in piles, separate and distinct, each with a purpose or a place: cash flow, emergency, planned spending and long-term saving.

Cash flow

Cash flow is your keeping-it-together-money. It's the money that comes in and goes out every month to pay bills, buy food, and get you from hither to yon. Your budget is the framework for your cash flow. When you get paid, the money flows in. When you pay for something, the money flows out.

If you don't have a budget, you can't possibly be managing your cash flow. Sure, you may feel like you're doing all right, but mental math is a sinkhole and it's only a matter of time before you hurt yourself. If you want to be a master of cash flow, you'll not only make a plan for how you'll use your money (a budget), you'll also use a spending journal to track your day-to-day money activities.

Emergency pile

Emergency is the money you set aside, just in case. You're supposed to build your emergency pile up to six months' worth of essential expenses, which are the things that will keep body and soul together.

A key concept

- The idea of piles of money is perhaps one of the most significant differences between the people who are successful at managing their money and those that aren't.
- Having allocated money to a pile, a body isn't tempted to spend it on anything else. And having piles of money can be a lifesaver if you've got a mate who can't keep his or her hand off the money in the house account. Having moved the money out of sight, it's out of mind until you've got enough to make your purchase.

And this money should be kept in a high-interest savings account so it's easy to get at.

I know it's pretty popular to think that putting that much money in a savings account is stupid because you can't earn enough to beat inflation, but that's not the point of the emergency fund. The point is to have cash available so that when some storm blows in, you have options to deal with it. No money, no options. You'll just have to suck it up.

Planned spending pile

Planned spending is what most people never do. At the

start of every year I look at what I spent on gifts the previous year, divide it by 12 and move that amount into my gift account monthly. When the time comes to go shopping, I'm ready.

Tons of stuff falls into the planned spending category. From home maintenance to clothes for the kids, from vacations to that new couch you've been eyeing, if you have to accumulate money so you can make a purchase, it's planned spending.

If you don't accumulate the money and plan to count on your credit cards or line of credit to get you what you want, you shouldn't wonder at your growing debt and your sense that your money is wagging you!

If you allocate money to a specific purpose, and then move it out of sight, you won't be tempted to spend it on something else. ISTOCK

As to where to keep this pile of money and how to track it, I use a high interest savings account for each category (savings accounts are free) and I name it so I'm not confused about what the money is for.

Look for an account paying the best interest rate going so your money isn't sitting completely idle. If you don't want the hassle of multiple accounts, you can pile it all into one account and keep track of the various categories on a spreadsheet.

Long-term saving pile

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As long as you see savings as something you can tap should the need arise, the previous three piles don't seem as important. Shift your focus to keeping this money socked away no matter what, and you'll soon see how important it is to manage your cash flow, have an emergency fund and plan your spending.

If you can wrap your head around the idea of piles of money instead of one big pot, then you're more likely to keep the amounts you allocate for specific purposes intact.

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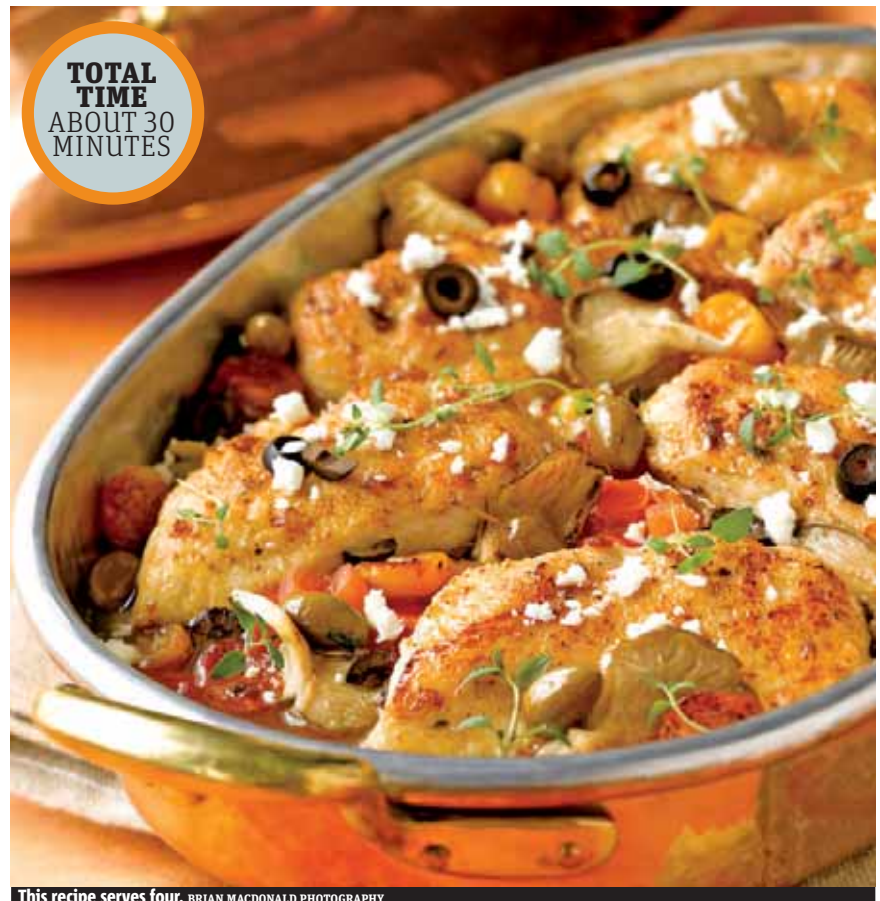
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This recipe serves four. BRIAN MACDONALD PHOTOGRAPHY

The secret to making juicy chicken breasts

Dinner. Simmer Mediterranean Chicken with Grape Tomatoes and Mushrooms in stock



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Nutritional information

Per serving

- **Calories.** 368
- **Carbohydrates.** 14 g
- **Fibre.** 4 g
- **Protein.** 47 g
- **Total fat.** 12 g
- **Saturated fat.** 2.4 g
- **Cholesterol.** 105 mg
- **Sodium.** 415 mg

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge
to your table in
30 minutes or less

Chicken that is simmered in a tasty stock is incredibly tender when cooked and served in minutes. The key is to maintain a medium-low heat to prevent the chicken from overcooking and getting dry.

Coating the chicken with flour keeps the juices in.

Directions

1. Dust chicken with flour. In a hot, large nonstick skillet sprayed with vegetable spray, add the oil and sauté the mushrooms for 3 minutes or just until lightly browned on all sides. Remove the chicken and set aside.

2. In the same skillet, coated with more vegetable spray, add the oil and sauté the mushrooms on medium heat for 8 minutes or just until tender. Add the stock, olives, plum tomatoes, teardrop tomatoes, garlic, capers and chicken. Cov-

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 4 single breasts)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp vegetable oil (divided)
- 12 oz chopped oyster mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/3 cup pitted diced black olives
- 1 cup diced plum tomatoes
- 3/4 cup halved teardrop or grape tomatoes
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tbsp capers
- Garnish**
- 3 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 tbsp toasted pine nuts or almonds
- 3 tbsp feta cheese, crumbled

er and simmer on a lower heat for 10 minutes or just until the chicken is cooked.

3. Garnish with chopped parsley, toasted pine nuts or almonds and crumbled feta cheese. **ROSE REISMAN'S SECRETS FOR PERMANENT WEIGHT LOSS (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Today's students not partying as much as mom and dad did at school

Education. College freshmen focused more on their future during high school, report low emotional health

Today's high school seniors aren't partying and socializing as much as their parents' generation: They're too busy trying to get into post-secondary, and when they get there, some don't feel good about themselves, a new survey reports.

The annual survey of college freshmen by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute found that incoming students at four-year colleges and universities last fall devoted half as many hours to hanging out with friends during their final year of high school as students who entered college in 1987, when the institute first asked respondents about hobnobbing habits.

The findings rang true to Isabella Galeazi, 18, who is jug-



It's studying over socializing for many of today's high school seniors. ISTOCK

gling a job at McDonald's and a musical production internship along with a full-time course load at California State University, Fullerton. Balancing her professional and academic responsibilities with her desire for a thriving social life has proven a challenge that sometimes leaves her feeling snowed under, Galeazi said.

"My parents are always saying, 'When they were in school, when they were in school,' but I can show them my math homework and they have no clue how to do it," she said. "The workload is a lot heavier and the work is a lot harder. There is so much pressure to do well in high school or otherwise you won't get into college,

Quoted

"There is so much pressure to do well in high school or otherwise you won't get into college, and if you don't do well in college, you won't get a job."

Isabella Galeazi
Student at California State University, Fullerton

and if you don't do well in college, you won't get a job."

The survey found that first-year-college students' sense of emotional well-being is at its lowest since the institute first asked the question in 1985.

The results are consistent with other trends that indicate millennials face greater pressure to succeed academically and have less time for fun, said Kevin Eagan, the institute's managing director and an assistant professor at UCLA.

"The declines we have seen in time spent partying and the frequency of alcohol use in high school and the increases we have seen in the number of college applications students are submitting and their reporting feeling overwhelmed are all signs students are internalizing this message that they need to take the last year of high school seriously," Eagan said.

In the survey, nearly 39 per cent said they spent five hours or less each week socializing, compared to the 18 per cent who mingled with others that much in 1987. During the same 27-year period, the percentage of students who said they passed six or more hours each week "partying" shrank from 35 per cent in 1987 to nine per cent in 2014.

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Learning. Musical training in youth keeps brain functioning longer



From instrument to intellect, a little music can go a long way. ISTOCK

Learning how to play an instrument prior to age 14 and sticking with it for at least 10 years could preserve cognitive skills such as understanding human speech in old age, according to a new Canadian study from the Rotman Research Institute (RRI).

Seniors who fit this description of musical experience were 20 per cent faster when identifying speech sounds than their non-musical counterparts, according to the study, which was published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

"Musical activities are an engaging form of cognitive brain training and we are now

seeing robust evidence of brain plasticity from musical training not just in younger brains, but in older brains, too," says lead author Gavin Bidelman, at the time a post-doctoral fellow at the RRI. Bidelman is currently an assistant professor at the University of Memphis.

Dr. Bidelman and his team used electroencephalography (EEG) imaging to assess how well their participants — a group of 20 healthy adults aged 55 to 75 — could classify or identify speech.

Among the participants, half qualified as being musicians according to the study's standards and the other half did not. In a controlled laboratory setting, they put on headphones and were asked to listen to and identify random speech sounds that ranged from simple, single vowel sounds of "ooo" and "ahhh" to ambiguous, mixed sounds that were more difficult to recognize.

Because EEG technology offers ultra-precise measurements of the timing of the brain's electrical activity in response to external stimuli, the researchers say they have strong evidence of the cognitive preservation musical training affords.

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Take note

The RRI study is the most recent of many that make the case for the brain benefits of musical training, particularly if it starts during youth.

- While cognitive advantages are most frequently cited, researchers in Vermont recently published a study suggesting that musical training could be more effective than medication for children with psychological disorders.

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Curling

Jacobs, Gushue join Brier field

Olympic gold medallists Brad Jacobs and Brad Gushue joined the field of the 2015 Canadian men's curling championship by winning their respective provinces Sunday.

The roster of teams for the 2015 Tim Hortons Brier in Calgary from Feb. 28 to March 8 is nearly complete after eight provinces and a territories declared their champion Sunday.

Kevin Koe (Alberta), Jim Cotter (B.C.), Steven Laycock (Saskatchewan), Reid Carruthers (Manitoba), Glen MacLeod (Nova Scotia), Jamie Koe (Northwest Territories) and Mark Kean (Ontario) also joined the Brier field.

Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard, New Brunswick's Jeremy Mallais and Yukon's Bob Smallwood had qualified in earlier playdowns.

Prince Edward Island's men's final is scheduled for Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Blackhawks' Hossa puts hurt on Blues

Marian Hossa's power-play goal broke a third-period tie and he clinched it with an empty-netter for the Chicago Blackhawks in a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Sunday.

Bryan Bickell had a goal and assisted on the go-ahead tally for Chicago, which also got a goal from Marcus Kruger.

Vladimir Tarasenko and David Backes had a goal apiece for St. Louis, which never led and has lost two straight since a franchise-record 13-game point streak.

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Bruins forward Brad Marchand fires a shot as Canadiens centre Lars Eller closes in on Sunday night in Boston. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

Bruins steamrolled by Habs in Boston

NHL. Price makes 34 saves to lead Montreal to season series sweep of age-old rivals

Carey Price made 34 saves to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-1 victory and a season sweep over the Boston Bruins on Sunday night.

Dale Weise and Max

On Sunday

3

Canadiens

1

Bruins

first regular-season sweep of Boston since taking all eight meetings in 2007-08.

Price has won seven of eight and allowed 11 goals in that span. He extended his shutout streak against Boston to 159:25 until David Pastrnak scored with 4:31 remaining.

Pastrnak cut Montreal's lead to 2-1 when he batted the puck toward the net and Price appeared to have

made the stop, but his glove was behind the goal line and after replay, the goal was allowed.

Weise gave Montreal a 1-0 lead 38 seconds into the second period when he converted a cross-ice pass from Pacioretty and beat Tuukka Rask.

Rask made 31 saves, but dropped to 3-13-3 against Montreal for his career.

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4 SPORTS

Johnson, Raps shut down Spurs' Big 3

NBA. Toronto holds Duncan, Ginobili, Parker to 25% shooting en route to its eighth win in last 10 games

James Johnson poured in a season-high 20 points to lift the Raptors to an 87-82 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday, Toronto's eighth victory in 10 outings.

DeMar DeRozan added 18 points, while Amir Johnson had 15 and Kyle Lowry had 12. Jonas Valanciunas grabbed a season-high 16 rebounds in one of Toronto's best defensive efforts of the season.

The Atlantic Division-leading Raptors (35-17) were coming off a huge 123-107 win over the Clippers on Friday that saw them claw their way back from an early 20-point deficit.

They never led by more



Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas defends against the Spurs' Tim Duncan on Sunday in Toronto.
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than 10 in Sunday's dogfight and went into the fourth quarter up 64-58 in front of an Air Canada Centre capacity crowd of 19,800 that included

Toronto FC's newest acquisition Sebastian Giovinco.

The Spurs fought back, and a three-pointer by Marco Belinelli with 2:20 to play gave San Antonio a three-point lead. A dunk from Amir Johnson got the fans on their feet and cut the lead to one. Then James Johnson — who started in place of Greivis Vasquez in just his second game back from missing four with a hamstring injury — stepped back to drill a three with 50 seconds left as the crowd roared.

The Raptors dug in on defence on the Spurs' next possession, then James Johnson sunk a free throw with four seconds left. Duncan chucked the ball across the court and out of bounds to seal the Raptors' win.

The Spurs were a horrible 31-for-93 shooting, as the Raptors held the Spurs' big three of Duncan, Tony Parker and Ginobili to a combined 10-for-40. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Man United salvages a point

West Ham midfielder Alexandre Song and Manchester United captain Wayne Rooney clash during Sunday's match at the Boleyn Ground in East London. Netherlands midfielder Daley Blind smashed home an injury-time equalizer to rescue a point for Manchester United in a 1-1 pulsating Premier League game. **MIKE HEWITT/GETTY IMAGES**

NBA all-star game

Lillard to take Griffin's roster spot

Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard has been added to the all-star team in place of Clippers forward Blake Griffin, who needs surgery for a staph infection in his right elbow.

NBA commissioner Adam Silver added Lillard to the West roster Sunday.

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MLB

Reds reach 2-year deal with Frazier

All-star third baseman Todd Frazier and the Cincinnati Reds have agreed to a two-year, \$12-million contract, avoiding arbitration.

The Reds announced the deal Sunday on Twitter.

Frazier, who turns 29 on Thursday, gets a \$1.5-million signing bonus, a \$3-million salary this season and \$7.5 million in 2016. He had asked for a one-year deal worth \$5.7 million.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will find it ridiculously easy to get people to do what you desire over the next few days. Take advantage of it.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The people you will have to deal with today respect facts and figures, so show them your plans and let them know how you can make them work.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There can be no more excuses for putting off something you should have taken care of a long time ago. You can and you must find a way to get it done.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Try not to let worries and fears get the better of you today. Cosmic activity in one of the more sensitive areas of your chart means you must consciously and continually strive to stay cheerful.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you find you cannot handle a task on your own today don't be shy about getting assistance. Friends and family will rally round if you ask them.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you need to communicate with employers or other important people now is the time. You will find it easy to put across your ideas and make a good impression. Make it seem as if it all comes naturally.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Tell the truth as you see it. There will be a lot of confusion over the next few days and much of it will be designed to lead you away from what is going on.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Your attitude towards something will harden today and you will refuse to meet others halfway. That's good. The planets indicate you will only get where you want to go if you know your own mind.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Spell out what it is you are planning to do and let friends and work colleagues know you could do with some assistance. Chances are they will do whatever they can to help.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You need to let someone know you are under no obligation to do their bidding. This may come as a surprise to them as you have allowed them to get away with so much.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If the plans you made a month back don't seem to be working out the way you intended, trash them today and start again.

♓ Pisces

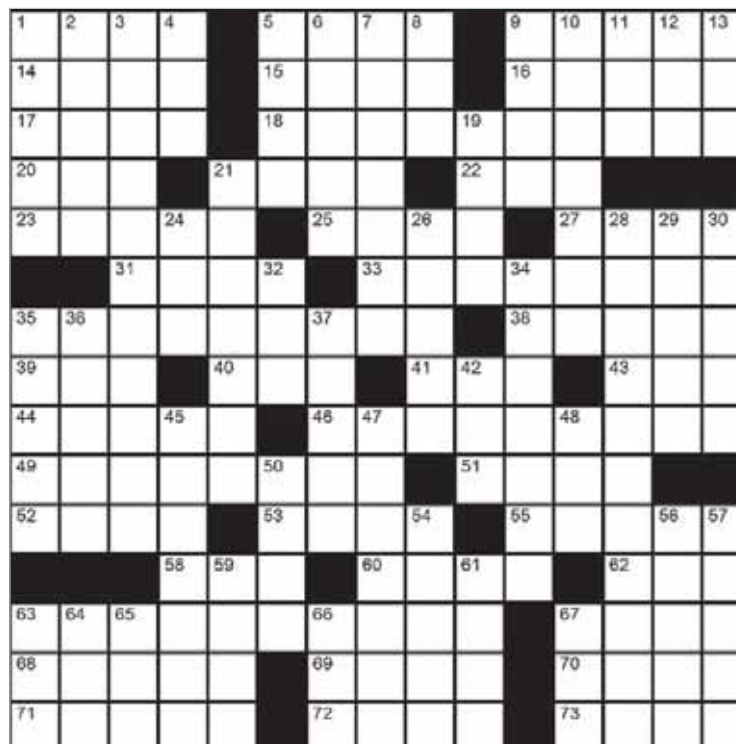
Feb. 20 - March 20

You need to explain to loved ones why you've done certain things. What matters most is that they can see it is part of a plan and not random.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Genesis guy
5. Half
9. 'Talk' suffix
14. Queue
15. Small batteries
16. Succeed: 2 wds.
17. Repair
18. 007 villain played by #45-Down: 3 wds.
20. Bio info
21. Head: French
22. Basketball play, Alley-__
23. Australia's version of a Sasquatch
25. Norwegian city
27. Celebrated waffle
31. __ the finish
33. Restrained
35. Word like Tear or Bow
38. "Madam, I swear I __ art at all." - Polonius, in Hamlet
39. Old English letter
40. Earthy prefix
41. 'Danger' suffix
43. Poet's 'always'
44. Ontario: __ Rock (Lake Superior Provincial Park pictographs attraction)
46. Haida Gwaii, BC: Ancient totems village on Anthony Island
49. Disappears
51. Online journal
52. '70s hit: " __ Tu"
53. Joni Mitchell's "The Last Time __ Richard"
55. Lyre-playing Muse



58. 'Outer'-meaning prefix
60. Barbarian
62. Garbage can
63. James Cameron and David Cronenberg
67. Troubles
68. Oscar-winner Tatum

69. Mater's mate
70. Give out
71. New Age musician
72. __-les-Mouli-neaux, France
73. "Ahem..."

Down

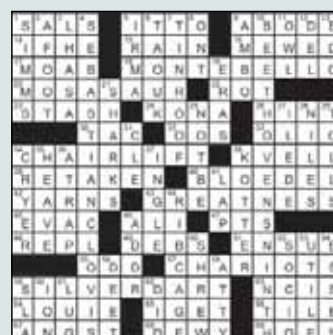
1. Cosmetics brand

2. San __, California
3. #28-Down's heroine Miss Shirley: wd. + wd. + wd. + letter
4. Pre-__ student
5. Marquis de __, "Quills" (2000) role
6. Keep one's __ the ground
7. Her __, Queen

8. Sport-on-blades fed.
9. Currency exchange fee
10. Some hairpieces
11. Possibilities
12. Truck type
13. 'Ranch' suffix
19. Swag

21. What police might use to disperse crowds: 2 wds.
24. 'Benedict' suffix
26. Kind of drop
28. Setting of Lucy Maud Montgomery's famous work: 2 wds.
29. Jean __ (The Balcony dramatist)
30. Some smells
32. Head-to-__
34. Pool movie, "The __" (1961)
35. 1, 2, 3... Lift!
36. For Better or For Worse dog
37. Canonical hour
42. PC 'key'
45. As per #18-Across... Canadian actor, Joseph __ (b.1918 - d.2009)
47. "The Jeffersons" star Ms. Sanford's
48. 'Super' suffix
50. __ snag (Become stuck)
54. Soil crawlers
56. Inclines
57. Start
59. Nero's 951
61. " __ can you..." (Anthem opener)
63. Sainte-__, Quebec City sector
64. Celebrity chef Ms. Garten
65. Mr. Dykstra
66. Trombonist Mr. Winding
67. Rapsallion

Friday's Crossword



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